

A New *Erlangea*.

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Erlangea (§ *Bothriocline*) *venustula*, sp. nov. Herba erecta, caule subsimplici subtereti folioso sericeo-tomentoso; foliis inferioribus oppositis superioribus alternis brevipetiolatis (summis subsessilibus) ellipticis vel elliptico-oblongis obtusis basi angustatis integris membranaceis supra pilis glandulosis perpaucis simplicibus intermixtis puberulis subtus albo-sericeo-tomentosis; capitulis parvis campanulatis fere 50-flosculosis in cymam terminalem pluricephalam sparsim bracteata sericeo-tomentosam ordinatis; pedunculis propriis involucri plerumque longioribus; involucri phyllis 3-serialibus lanceolato-oblongis obtusis interioribus saepe pallide roseo-marginatis extus pubescentibus; flosculis exsertis; achaeniis oblongo-obovoideis apice truncatis paucicostatis puberulis; pappi setis perpaucis ciliolatis.

British East Africa; cultivated in the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, from seeds collected in 1916 north of Nairobi by Rev. Andrew Urquhart; alt. about 6000 ft.; fl. in cult. March-May 1920.

Folia 3-4.5 cm. long., 1.5-2.5 cm. lat., summa gradatim usque 1-2 cm. long. imminuta, supra in sicco laete virentia; petioli plerique 3-5 mm. long. Cyma 5×5 cm. Bractee lineares, 3-5 mm. long. Pedunculi proprii ± 7 mm. long. Involucri 5×5 mm.; phylla extima 2 mm.; intermedia 3-4 mm.; intima 5 mm. long. Corollae puberulae, violaceo-purpureae; tubus cylindricus, 3 mm. long.; lobi lineari-oblongi, acuti, tubo circa aequilongi. Androecium superne exsertum. Styli rami ex involucri eminentes, 2 mm. long. Achaenia humectata 1 mm. long. Pappi setae verisimiliter 4 vel 5, circa 1.5 mm. long., maxime caducae.

Except for the opposite leaves on the lower part of the stem this looks much like *E. marginata*, S. Moore, which, however, has a less hairy involucri with the scales running out into a sharp point. The involucri are more like those of *E. cordifolia*, S. Moore, but the leaves of this are unlike. Both these species belong to § *Platylepis*.

In its quite entire leaves this differs from all other described species referred to § *Bothriocline*.

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